IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: POWDER FOR UNDERLAYER OF COATING-TYPE DOUBLE-LAYER MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

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